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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF UTAH, G. A. R.
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, April 26, 1895.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 6.

I.—The near approach of *Memorial Day*, sacred to the memory of those who gave their lives that the Nation might live, suggests early preparations for the proper observance of it. Let each Comrade zealously strive to make this day more honored and marked than any preceding ones, and to this end Post Commanders are requested to form their committees of the more active, energetic Comrades, thus by programmes, interesting and concise, we shall prevent the straying of the indifferent Comrades and bring to active participation all who have ever been identified with us.

II.—As *Memorial Day* has been made by National and State authority a general holiday, we should discountenance any attempt to take from it the sacredness with which it has been surrounded by its honored founder, General John A. Logan, and should endeavor to prevent public demonstrations of hilarity and pleasure, that the rising generation not only shall respect the memory of our Nation's heroes, but will emulate their patriotic devotion.

III.—Committees should be appointed to call upon the school authorities of their various localities asking that patriotic exercises be held either on *Memorial Day* or on the Friday preceding it.

IV.—Arrangements should be made for the observance of the Sunday prior to *Memorial Day*, and the attendance of the Comrades on Divine services is most earnestly recommended. Our ranks are becoming thinner as the years roll by; let us then close up our lines, march shoulder to shoulder, and make these sacred occasions more

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respected and honored as the number of those who take part decreases year by year.

V.—Post Chaplains are requested to promptly forward to these Headquarters their reports of Memorial exercises.

VI.—The attention of Post Commanders is called again to Circular Letter No. 2 from National Headquarters, and it is suggested that steps shall be taken, either individually or by committees, to ascertain the characters of the histories used by the public schools of this Territory.

Certain histories have been published in which the lives and deeds of those who sought to destroy this Nation are eulogized, while the services of those who strove to save it are miminized and lightly passed by. Reports of this investigation will be made to this office.

VII.—Attention is also called to General Orders No. 5, regarding the number of insane soldiers and sailors confined in the County Almshouses or in the Territorial Asylums.

The names of such are requested to be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General, that he may report to National Headquarters.

VIII.—The Post Adjutants will report to Department Headquarters the amount of donations sent to the Nebraska sufferers, that our Department may receive proper credit therefor.

IX.—Our respected Commander-in-Chief, General Thomas G. Lawler, having signified his desire to be with us at our next Encampment, and the Council of Administration having been twice called together to arrange the time, it is now expected that it will be held the second week in June. Notice, however, will be given by general orders as soon as the date is definitely fixed.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Information is wanted of Shepherd Wieson, who was a Michigan

soldier, and when last heard from was in Utah, by Wallace Miller, of 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Coldwater, Michigan.

By Command of

THOMAS C. ILIFF,

Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

C. O. FARNSWORTH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

In Memoriam.

COMRADE RANSFORD SMITH.

Charter Member of John A. Dix Post, Ogden.

Second Department Commander of Utah.

Comrade Smith was born at Oxford, Ohio, January 17, 1834, and died at Ogden, Utah, January 5, 1895, where he was buried January 9, 1895. Enlisted as private in Company B, 35th O. V. I., August, 1861. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Mill Spring, Franklin and Perryville. Was promoted to Captain for his bravery and ability. Resigned in March, 1863.

Comrade Smith was a true patriot, a brave soldier, a worthy citizen, a manly man, always and everywhere. Over his grave, on Memorial Day, Comrades will strew flowers that fade and die, but in our hearts his noble life and patriotic deeds will live and be cherished forever.

T. C. ILIFF,
Department Commander.

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